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Complaints to EPA decrease

Environment Protection Authority figures show that the number of environmental complaints received over the past three years has significantly decreased.

EPA Chief Executive Dr Paul Vogel said in the financial year 2005/2006, the EPA received 2,791 complaints, this is a significant drop in complaints compared to the 4,743 complaints received in 2003/2004.

“The number of complaints received regarding air quality, marine pollution, waste, water and noise incidents all share a similar pattern of a reduced number of complaints,” said Dr Vogel.

“In the financial year 2003/2004 the EPA received 1,655 noise complaints, while in 2005/2006 only 919 noise complaints were received.

“In 2003/2004 a total of 2,092 complaints were received regarding air quality concerns. In 2005/2006 only 1,280 complaints were received.

“In 2003/2004 the EPA received 228 water quality complaints, while in 2005/2006 only 142 complaints were obtained.

Dr Vogel said, “While these figures are encouraging, we must not become complacent.

“I strongly encourage everyone to report environmental incidents to the EPA”.

To report an environmental incident contact the EPA pollution hotline on (08) 8204 2004.